

**REMARKS**

Claims 46-60 have been withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention. No claim has been amended and no new matter has been added.

The Examiner has issued a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 requiring election of one of two different claim groupings. **Applicants' undersigned representative elects without traverse Examiner's Group I, comprising claims 1-45, for prosecution in the present application.** This election is in no way an admission of the Examiner's characterizations of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims 46-60, as well as any other claims supported by the specification, in one or more subsequent patent applications.

The present application is believed to be in condition for examination on the merits. Favorable examination leading to early allowance of this application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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